

TOWN OF MONSON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING CERTIFICATION

November 4, 2013

Article 14:

The Town voted to transfer and appropriate funds from Stabilization provided that any balance in the Casino Consultant Account or any reimbursement received be returned to the Stabilization Fund.

Article 20:

The Town voted to accept the provision of M.G.L. Chapter 48 Section 42, for the establishment of a fire department under the control of an officer to be known as the Chief of the Fire Department.

Article 21: Article amended to read as follows:

The Town voted to add to the Town of Monson Zoning Bylaws Section 1.7, Definitions for Medical Marijuana Treatment Center and amend Table 1 Town of Monson Schedule of Use regulations by adding a new use under business uses, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center as described below:

MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTER – Any medical marijuana treatment center, as defined under state law as a Massachusetts not-for-profit entity that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes(including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers; which is properly licensed and registered by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health pursuant to all applicable state laws and regulations.

To further see if the Town will amend Table 1 Town of Monson Schedule of Use Regulations by adding a new use under business uses, Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, not allowing this use in any district, and by adding a reference to such use (new language in **bold**):

***It is the intent of the Planning Board to submit to Town Meeting an amendment to this use category at or before the 2014 Annual Town Meeting in order to regulate or restrict this use in accordance with the State regulations. The restrictions on use contained herein are effective only until such amendments to this use become effective or, if Town Meeting fails to pass such amendments, until June 30, 2014. Temporarily restricting this use will allow the Town to review the regulations governing these facilities that will be promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and allow the Town to enact zoning provisions, consistent with the State regulations, setting forth the allowed locations, dimensional, parking and other requirements applicable to medical marijuana treatment centers.**

Article 22:

The Town voted to add to the Town of Monson Bylaws the following entitled "Secondhand Articles, Pawnshop, Dealers and Collectors" as follows:

ARTICLE 30-SECONDHAND ARTICLES, PAWN SHOP, DEALERS AND COLLECTORS

Section 1-LICENSE REQUIRED

All dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old or precious metals or secondhand articles in this Town shall be licensed by the Selectmen. The fee for such license shall be established by the Board of Selectmen. For the purpose of this by-law, the term "precious metals" shall include any precious metal such as gold, silver or platinum without regard to the form or amount.

Section 2-GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

A). Every licensed dealer of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old or precious metals or secondhand articles within this Town shall keep a book in which shall be written at the time of every purchase of any such article a description thereof and the name, age and residence of the person from whom and the day and hour when such purchase was made, and such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Selectmen, or any person by them authorized to make such inspection, and every licensed dealer of such shop shall put in some suitable and conspicuous place on his or her shop a sign having his or her name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters.

B). Such shop and all articles of precious metals therein may at all times be examined by the Selectmen, or their designee, to make such examination and no precious metals purchased or received by such licensed dealer shall be sold or altered or removed from premises until a period of at least thirty days has elapsed from the date of its purchase or receipt.

C). All licensed dealers shall produce a receipt identifying the business name, address, and license number. It shall contain an accurate and detailed description of all items including but not limited to: all distinguishing marks, model names or numbers, serial numbers, etchings or engravings. Jewelry items shall include a complete description including the material, ring size, weight, chain length, shapes, karat weight and color.

D). All licensed dealers shall refrain from paying cash for precious metals and articles purchased that will be liquidated, melted down, or resold. The preferred method of payment should be a business check which can be traced back to the recipient.

Section 3. All junk collectors, jewelers, pawnbrokers, secondhand dealers and auctioneers, who collect, by purchase or otherwise, junk, jewelry, old metals or secondhand articles from place to place in this Town shall be licensed by the Selectmen.

Section 4. Whoever violates this section shall be liable to a penalty of \$50.00-\$100.00 for each offense.

Section 5. For all jewelry and precious metal transactions, the licensed dealer shall obtain a government issued identification, make a color copy of, and record the full name, address, date of birth, and who shall be required to sign documentation avowing to the accuracy of the information listed, and ownership of said items being sold.

Section 6.

No person shall purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any article of a minor (a child under the age of 17) unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian. In such case, the name, date of birth, and address of both minor and parent or guardian shall be recorded and the identification of the parent or guardian will be kept on file.

Article 23:

The Town passed over the modification of the Town of Monson Bylaws Article 2-Finance Committee as follows:

ARTICLE 2 – FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Section 1. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of up to 13 legal voters of the Town who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Moderator, or thereafter be known as the Appointing Authority as hereinafter provided. No elected Town Officer or paid regular employee shall be eligible for appointment to the Finance Committee. An appointed Town Officer Committee Member shall be eligible for appointment to the Finance Committee with the following restrictions:

1. Only one member of each any of the appointed committees of the Town may serve on the Finance Committee at any given time.
2. In any year in which the proposed budget or recommendation of the appointed member's Committee exceeds \$10,000, any representative of such committee must relinquish the Finance Committee appointment for the remainder of that year.

No restriction as described in this by-law shall apply to Finance Committee members serving on the Long-Range Capital Planning Committee. Finance Committee members shall in no way be prohibited from serving as members on the Long-Range Capital Planning Committee.

Section 2. The ~~Moderator of the Town Meeting~~ Appointing Authority when this by-law is adopted shall, within thirty days after such by-law becomes effective, ~~re-~~ re-appoint five members of said committee for the term of one year, four members for terms of two years, and four members for terms of three years. The appointments shall occur at a posted Finance Committee or Board of Selectmen meeting. At each ~~annual~~ Annual Town meeting thereafter the ~~Moderator~~ Appointing Authority thereof shall appoint members of said committee for terms of three years. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon ~~qualification~~ appointment and shall expire at the close of final adjournment of the Annual Town meeting at which their successors are appointed. Said committee shall choose its own officers and shall ~~serve~~ service without pay (excepting, however, the secretary thereof. ~~).~~ Said ~~committee~~ Finance Committee shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

Section 3. The said ~~committee~~ Appointing Authority shall fill any mid-term vacancy which may occur in its membership by vote, attested copy of which shall be sent by the secretary to the Town Clerk. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of said committee, except in cases of illness, his position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided. The term of office of any person so chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding ~~annual~~ Annual Town meeting, and the ~~Moderator~~ Appointing Authority thereof shall appoint ~~his~~ a successor to complete the unexpired term of the member in whose office such vacancy originally occurred.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee annually to consider the expenditures in previous years and the estimated requirements for the ensuing year of the several boards, officers and committees of the Town, as prepared by them (or by the Town Accountant) in such form and detail as may be prescribed by said committee. The said committee shall add to such statement of expenditures and estimates another column, giving the amounts which in its opinion shall be appropriated for the ensuing year, and shall further add thereto such explanations and suggestions relating to the proposed appropriations as it may deem expedient.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to make an annual report of its doings, with recommendations relative to financial matters and the conduct of Town business, to be contained in the Annual Town Report.

I, hereby certify that the Special Town Meeting was duly called and held and the warrant was properly posted. The meeting convened at 7:03pm and upon completion of the articles, the meeting was dissolved at 8:32 pm.

A true copy: ATTEST

Mary F. Watson
Monson Asst. Town Clerk

TOWN OF MONSON - CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Special X

Total: 147

Art.		Total Approp.	From Tax Levy	From Free Cash	Transfer From Other Avail. Funds	Offset Entrep. Funds	Free Cash to Reduce Cash Rate	Borrowing
	The Town voted :							
1	Debt Svc for Ambulance Purchase Acct.	3,171.00	\$3,171.00					
2	Police Sal. Acct.	31,200.00	31,200.00					
3	Pass over this article	(Ambulance Salary Wages Account)						
4	Building Inspector Salary Acct.	6,160.00	6,160.00					
5	Legal Dept. Account	18,650.00			18,650.00	(Legal Dept. Encumbered Acct)		
6	Telephone Contract Const. Acct.	10,000.00	10,000.00					
7	Cemetery Expense Acct.	1,200.00	1,200.00					
8	Selectmen's Salary Acct.	24,000.00	24,000.00					
9	Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund	12,695.27	12,695.27					
10	2014 Capital Account	15,000.00	15,000.00					
11	Salary Classification Plan	(By a standing vote to reject article YES-57 and NO-56)						

Art.	Total Approp.	From Tax Levy	From Free Cash	Transfer From Other Avail. Funds	Offset Entrep. Funds	Free Cash to Reduce Cash Rate	Borrowing
12 Bills of Prior Years Account	2,300.00	2,300.00					
13 Highway Dept. Downtown Streets Account	44,000.00	44,000.00					
14 Casino Consult. Acct.	30,000.00			30,000 Stabilization Account			
15 Rescind Art.20 ATM May 9, 2011							-\$5,146.00
16 Rescind Art. 17 of STM May 14, 2007							-75,233.00
17 Rescind Art.20 ATM May 13, 2013 for repair, restore preserve windows & doors at Memorial Hall	(33,500.00) (137,750.00)			(33,500.00) (137,750.00)	CPA Historic Preservation CPA Undesignated		
18 Repair safety & code updates & Rehabilitate windows & doors at Memorial Hall	33,500.00 137,750.00			33,500.00 137,750.00	CPA Historic Preservation CPA Undesignated		
19 CPA-Constantino Field	26,369.00			26,369.00	CPA Undesignated		
Total	224,745.27	149,726.27	-	75,619.- 45,019.00	-	-	(80,379.00)

I hereby certify that the Special Town Meeting held at the Granite Valley Middle School on November 4, 2013 was held in compliance with the bylaws and that the warrant was properly posted. The meeting convened at 7:03 pm and upon completion of the articles, the meeting dissolved at 8:32 pm.

A true copy: Attest

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Asst. Town Clerk, Monson